AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) No, Sir.

(b and (c) Do not arise.

News report captioned "Loophole in Licensing to manipulate capacity"

674. SHRI D. B. CHANDRA GOWDA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a press report captioned "Loophole in licensing to manipulate capacity" which appeared in the Hindustan Times of the 15th June, 1986;

(b) if so, whether the Planning Commission has revealed that there are several loopholes in manipulating the licensed capacity by the industries in the country;

(c) whether Government propose to revise the procedure of granting industrial licences; and

(d) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (d) The news report briefly refers to the study made by a Planning Commission consultant on the functioning of the Industrial Licensing Policy. It has *inter-alia* been pointed out that industrial licensing was not generally a constraint in achievement of Plan targets. It has also been mentioned that as against the first Three Plan periods licensing has been progressively more liberal and in a large number of industries the licensed capacity was adequate to fulfil the Plan targets.

However, the industrial licensing policy and procedure are constantly reviewed with a view to liberalising and streamlining them further to achieve the production targets laid down for the Seventh Plan period. A number of steps such as delicensing of certain industries, broad banding, re-endorsement of industrial capacity, endorsement of capacity arising out of modenisation, renovation, replacement etc. have been taken with this end in view.

Mobile courts

675. SHRI D. B. CHANDRA GOWDA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to launch mobile courts in the country for quicker and door to door justice to the people;

(b) if so, by when such mobile courts are likely to be launched and the details of the cities in which the same will be launched; and

(c) to what extent the people will get justice at their doors itself and how much of the pressure on the lower courts will be reduced as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) There is no such proposal under consideration of the Government. However, the Joint Conference of Chief Justices, Chief Ministers and Law Ministers held on 31st August—1st September, 1985 adopted a resolution, commending a scheme for setting up mobile courts. The States have been directed to submit their views and comments on the said scheme for review in the next Joint Conference.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Production of Commercial Vehicles

676. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are serious imbalances in the production of commercial vehicles, passenger

cars, two-wheelers and three-wheelers leading to a glut in the market, as far as commercial vehicles are concerned;

(b) whether it is a fact that while some brands of passenger cars and two-wheelers continue to command a premium there are glut conditions in other brands of these vehicles;

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor and whether Government will review their automobile policy to remove these imbalances; and

(d) whether attention will be given by Government to indigenisation and fuel efficiency while formulating a new automobile policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Production plans are finalised by the manufactures taking into account the demand for vehiles.

(b) and (c) While possibility of premium on some vehicles cannot be denied, no specific instance has been brought to the notice of the Govt.

(d) Yes, Sir.

Grant of new licence to M/s. T.T.K. & Co.

677. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Government have granted new licences to M/s T.T.K. & Co. during 1986 to diversity its production to item of domestic use;

(b) Whether it is a fact that complaints against T.T.K. & Co. are pending with MRTPC, if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if so, what action Government have taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) During the period Jan—May, 1986, one Letter of Intent has been issued to M/s. T.T.K. & Co. for the establishment of a new undertaking for the manufacture of (i) Pressure Cookers-67,000 Nos., (ii) Barbecue-70,000 nos. (iii) Kitchenware Tools and gadgets-Rs. 50 lakhs worth, and (iv) Non-stick cookware and woks etc.-1,50,000 nos. per annum. No industrial licence has been issued during this period to the said company.

(b) and (c) The following two matters in respect of the aforesaid company are pending with M.R.T.P. Commission namely:—

(i) An enquiry under Section 10 (a) (iv) of the MRTP Act, 1969 in respect of certain restrictive trade practices. The Commission has issued the Notice of Enquiry to the company and the hearing in the matter is fixed for 29th August, 1986.

(ii) An application by Director general (I&R) under Section 36B (c) of the MRTP Act in respect of certain unfair trade practices in the sale of products of the company. The commission has directed the Director General (I & R) to make investigation from manufacturers of similar products also and to furnish his report.

Import of telecommunications equipments

678. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Department of Telecommunications is planning to import telecommunications equipments worth reupees seven hundred crores for use in the telecommunication services in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for such imports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) Yes, Sir. The Department proposes to import equipment worth Rs. 572 crores in foreign currency for use in the Telecom. Services in the coutry.

(b) The import of Telecom. equipment has been necessitated in order to